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More attachments:

- 2013 mtg summary
- Blurbs from annual reports (below)

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Here's a blurb from the 2014 Annual Report, page 34-35:

April 29, 2014

The annual stakeholder meetings are an opportunity for stakeholders to air any concerns and ask questions. The following meeting notes reflect this and do not include EPA responses. The Scientific Integrity Official responded to these concerns and questions at the meeting, over the course of FY2014 by phone and email, by addressing some of the larger issues in our work plan for FY2014 and for FY2015 and by working with other parts of the Agency. For example, the Agency has added additional public affairs staff to increase our responsiveness to media inquiries. We have drafted procedures for reporting and resolving allegations of a loss of scientific integrity, which address questions about our handling of allegations. We are currently working on a differing scientific opinions policy which will address those questions. These notes capture a moment in time, while our work to enhance our culture of scientific integrity is ongoing.

Blurb from 2013 Annual Report:

On Page 2:

Listening Session

Listening Sessions (the “annual meeting” for Fiscal Year 2013) were held on June 25, 2013, and were comprised of four sessions:

- External non-federal stakeholders
- Federal stakeholders
- EPA union representatives
- EPA senior managers

For each session, participants were invited to provide input on EPA’s Policy implementation and future challenges. Several of the external stakeholders praised the EPA Scientific Integrity Policy. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) said that EPA’s Policy is among the three strongest of the 23 agencies, departments and offices that the UCS surveyed. UCS also praised EPA as one of only two agencies that have appointed or have plans to appoint a full-time Scientific Integrity Official.

Recommendations received from listening session participants included that the EPA should: 1) set up a process for evaluating training on scientific integrity; 2) set up a scientific integrity website with links to related policies, processes and documents; and 3) review mechanisms for Agency employees to express differing scientific opinions. The key points made at the sessions are summarized in Appendix B.

And, on Page 4:

In March, the Committee will conduct formal “listening sessions” with representatives of the Agency’s external stakeholders (e.g., the Science Advisory Board, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Office of Inspector General, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the National Academies’ National Research Council), EPA employee unions, and EPA’s senior leadership; this is a key element of its outreach efforts. The purposes of listening sessions are to solicit input that informs the Annual Report on scientific integrity and to help the Committee identify new concerns and obtain recommendations. Listening sessions are held early in the calendar year so that input from them can be considered when offices and regions evaluate whether there are any weaknesses or challenges in their organization’s implementation of the Policy that need further action in the near term.